



Friday
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Weekly Views

Madison Correctional Facility raised \$251 during the facility's silent auction for Autism Awareness.

Staff at the Indiana State Prison participated in a chicken dinner sale for SECC, raising approximately \$170 for the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund.

The Indiana State Prison held an offender "Toastmasters" speech contest. Approximately 70 offenders attended. Toastmasters is the art of public speaking, listening and thinking skill vitally important to the success of those embarking on life-long learning.

Westville Correctional Facility's (WCC) Employee Action Planning Committee (EAPC) collected \$500 during the group's recent fund raising effort. Members of EAPC sold Little Caesar's frozen pizzas and breadstick kits. Money from the group's fund raisers are used to sponsor employee picnics, gatherings and the WCC annual Holiday Celebration.

The Oaktown and Freelandville Volunteer Fire Department's out of Knox County will benefit from "comfort quilts" made by the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's PLUS Unit. The quilts will be kept in their rescue vehicles and provided to those in need at fire and rescue scenes. PLUS participants plan to continue this worthwhile service to both fire departments.

A PEN Products Career Path Planning Workshop was held at the Correctional Industrial Facility. The workshop was given for 24 offender workers from the joint venture operation. The offenders were joined by 12 post-release corrections professionals from IDOC, PEN, Ivy Tech, Aramark and other private businesses. Offenders worked on Time Management, Decision Making and Career Path Planning skills.



Mr. Daryl Walls from South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility has been assigned to the post of Assistant Superintendent of Operations at the Miami Correctional Facility. Mr. Walls has over 12 years of experience in the Department starting in 1998 as a Correctional Officer at ISP and working his way through the ranks to his current position of Custody Supervisor. Mr. Walls has a vast understanding of the Department from working at Westville, South Bend Juvenile, and the Indiana State Prison. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

Commissioner Edwin Buss and Chief of Staff Dan Ronay attended the Staff Assembly at the Correctional Industrial Facility. Commissioner Buss recognized and congratulated several staff. Superintendent Donna Carneygee, Officer Steve Jones and Officer Mark Reno received SECC Champion pins. Officers Steve Fite and Randy Cornwell received recognition for 20 years of state service, and Officer Charlie Hutson was recognized for 15 years of state service.

The Wabash Valley Inside Out Dad's fall event hosted 83 youngsters, guests and 27 offender Dads, helping to strengthen their family bonds, which are crucial to re-entry success. The children left with a bag full of goodies!



Congratulations to Westville's Assistant Superintendent Mike Scott for his participation and contribution to the Camp Riley's Children Foundation during the ICA Conference. Assistant Superintendent Scott was the high earner and high performer of the benefit walk, donating \$523 and finishing first place in the 5K.

Senior Parole Agent Matt Lett from the Evansville Office was presented the Parole Employee of the Year at the Commissioner's Awards Luncheon during the ICA Conference. In the course of his duties, SPA Lett covers seven of the ten counties that comprise the Evansville Parole District. His caseload averages 80 SOMM specific offenders on a monthly basis and is always carefully supervised and actions taken are well thought out and justified.

During the 2010 ICA Conference, Branchville Correctional Facility was selected as the 2010 Facility of the Year. Branchville employee Janet Drach was also selected as the 2010 Teacher of the Year. Branchville Superintendent Gil Peters expressed his pride in his staff, commending them for the dedication they show every day, not only in their jobs but also in using innovative thinking to deliver services in a cost effective way.